

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the thorough consideration given the present application. Claims 1, 3, 4, 7-21, 24-27, 29-38 and 40-49 are currently being prosecuted. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejections in view of the amendments and remarks as set forth below.

By way of the present amendment, Applicants have presented further changes to the claims in order to place them in better form for examination. For the most part, these are changes in wording, a few changes include the addition of actual content where that content occurs in other claims from the previous version. Thus, Applicants submit that no new issues are being involved. Applicants are presenting these changes on review of the previous amendment and in view of related case 10/899,089 so as to avoid overlapping claims.

Concerning the various rejections in the last action, Applicants refer to the amendment of September 4, 2007 and the arguments presented therein.

Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, and the previous amendment, it is believed that the claims are now in better form for examination. Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Robert F. Gnuse Reg. No. 27,295 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

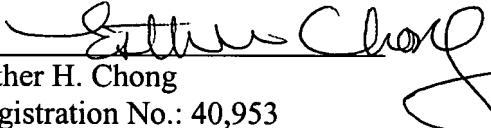
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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